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FOR: COATING UNIT AND COATING
METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as shown in the attachment. A clean copy of amended

Claim 3 is as follows:

3. A coating unit according to claim 1, further comprising:

a carrier for carrying a coating solution supply nozzle for supplying the coating solution to the substrate which is placed inside said container;

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an accommodating portion for accommodating said carrier which is disposed inside said casing; and

a third exhaust pipe for exhausting an atmosphere inside said accommodating portion.